Change to Conservation Measure for the Sticky Buckwheat Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program Program Decision Document 11-005

Steering Committee Motion

The Steering Committee approves Reclamation's recommended changes to conservation measure STBU1 to:

STBU1-Provide funding to support sticky buckwheat conservation programs. The LCR MSCP will provide a total of \$10,000 per year until 2030 to an ongoing Conservation Program or other entity approved by the USFWS to implement conservation activities for the threecorner milkvetch and sticky buckwheat.

Current Conservation Measure

5.7.27.2 Conservation Measures

STBU1- Provide funding to support existing sticky buckwheat conservation programs. The LCR MSCP will provide \$10,000 per year until 2030 to the Clark County MSHCP Rare Plant Workgroup to support implementation of conservation measures for the threecorner milkvetch and sticky buckwheat that are beyond the permit requirements of the Clark County MSHCP. (HCP, pg 5-72)

Justification

The Clark County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan Rare Plant Workgroup was a group that met quarterly to discuss conservation and research activities to benefit rare plants in Clark County as part of the Clark County MSHCP. The group was comprised of Clark County MSHCP staff, BLM botanists, Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) botanists, US Forest Service botanists, National Park Service botanists, Nevada Division of Forestry foresters, others. This group has not met in several years and no longer exists. Therefore, having the conservation measures more general will allow an opportunity for other Conservation Programs or other entities approved by the FWS that are implementing threecorner milkvetch and/or sticky buckwheat conservation activities to be eligible to receive funding.